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In re Application of : Jerry Schlagheck, et al.
For : **DETECTION OF DEFECTS BY
THERMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS**
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 18, 2001,
applicants elect Group II, drawn to a method for detecting a defect and obtaining a standard
thermographic image as defined by claims 2-7. This election is made without traverse.
Claim 1 may be withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention, although applicants

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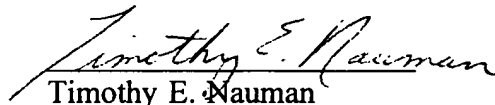
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reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter by way of a divisional application filed on or before issuance or abandonment of the present application, or any application claiming continuity therewith.

Applicants await substantive examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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